

AK DEMOCRACY PROJECT MEETING

Governor's Conference Room, Anchorage

September 25, 2001

NOTES

(See Service Learning/ ADP Notes for the rest of meeting minutes.)

In Attendance: Lt. Governor Fran Ulmer, Alma Elia, Jo Michalski, Mary Bristol, Carl Rose, Letitia Fickel, Sammy Crawford, Betty Walters, David Baranow, Marjorie Menzi

Task Force SubCommittee Reports/Recommendations

Carl Rose reported on the work of the Classroom Civics Committee and on the philosophical underpinnings of the Democracy Project effort. He cited "Bowling Alone" by Putnam as a good resource for our work and discussed the concept of social capital.

David Baranow reported on the work of the Extracurricular Civics Programs Committee. Jo shared a form she has developed for refining the compiled data about program. David discussed developing criteria and identifying programs which represent "best practices." He determined that this could be accomplished by the end of the calendar year.

Classroom Environment Assessment

Letitia presented the concepts in paper on "Schools as Democratic Institutions: Principles of Best Practice." Suggestion was made to delete references to "moral" substituting other language and to simplify and clarify the language in the whole document.

AK Democracy Week

The Lt. Governor reviewed plans for the week and challenged all task force members to report to her on their plans to initiate or take part in the week and/or their organizational plans to take an active role in the event.

Components of State Government /Civics Curriculum

Marjorie reviewed a form that lists the state government/civics standards and key elements. For the most part, they were developed to be generic to government. The task force was asked to identify Alaska-state government specific topics they think should be included in the study of state government.